Docket No.: 4272.68-13 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Art Unit: 2123 Jiang et al. licant: Serial No.: 10/733,178 Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR § 1.10 I hereby certify that this document and its attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Filed: December 10, 2003 Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR For: ANALYZING DATA AND

CREATING PREDICTIVE MATERIALS

# AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION STATING PERTINENT FACTS FOR NONSIGNING INVENTOR UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47

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Dear Sir:

This affidavit is made as to the exact facts that are relied upon to establish the diligent effort made to secure the execution of the declaration by the non-signing inventors for the above-referenced patent application.

- 1. I, Diane Richardson, a citizen of the United States of America, am the Assistant Vice President of Stone Investments, Inc., the assignee of the application.
- 2. The last known address for each non-signing inventor is as follows (hereinafter the "Inventors"):

Andrew John Caffrey 3737 Promontory Street San Diego, California 92109

Karen Christiana Joiner-Congleton 9415 Ovieda Street San Diego, California 92129

Yong M. Kim 13565 Freeport Road San Diego, California 92129

3. At the time the invention was made and filed, the inventors were employed by Stone Analytics, Inc. No signed declarations were executed and/or filed with the application.

- 4. On February 26, 2004, the subject patent application was assigned to Stone Investments, Inc. (hereinafter "Applicant")
- 5. On March 18, 2004, Applicant received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" indicating that the oath or declaration was missing. Subsequent to receiving the Notice, Applicant attempted to contact the Inventors.
- 6. On August 24, 2004, in response to receiving a Notice of Missing Parts from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, I mailed a copy of the declaration to each of the Inventors for signature and requested return of the signed declaration no later than September 15, 2004. Copies of the letters and the certified return receipt indicating receipt of such letters are attached hereto as Exhibit A. No response was received from Caffrey or Kim.
- 7. On September 14, 2004, Applicant received an e-mail from Congleton stating "[j]ust noticed that the patent stuff has a recommended return date of 9/15—oops! Looks like if it's the 14<sup>th</sup> now that I'm not going to get mine in on time. However, just means that I wasn't pay [sic] attention. Sorry." A copy of the September 14, 2005 e-mail is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 8. On October 4, 2005, I sent a reminder via e-mail to Congleton to return the signed documents to my attention. A copy of the September 14, 2005 e-mail is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 9. On October 21, 2004, I left a voice messages for each of the non-signing Inventors instructing each inventor to sign and return the declarations that were previously sent on August 24, 2004. No response was received from any of the Inventors.
- 10. On December 2, 2004, I sent a follow-up letter to the Inventors requesting each to sign and return the declaration for filing. In that letter I specifically stated that "[i]f we do not receive . . . these documents from you by January 1, 2005, we will assume that you are refusing to sign the documents . . . ." A copy of the December 2, 2004 letter along with the certified return receipts indicating receipt of such letters are attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit D">Exhibit D</a>. No response was received from any of the Inventors.
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- 12. On January 20, 2005, I e-mailed a copy of the declaration to Congleton for her signature. Congleton responded on January 26, 2005 that she would be traveling and stated "[w]hen I get back I can deal with the e-versions." No response was ever received. A copy of the January 20, 2005 and January 26, 2005 e-mails are attached hereto as Exhibit F.
- 13. On May 12, 2005, I received an e-mail from Congleton requesting a hardcopy of the declaration. Accordingly, on May 13, 2005 I re-sent via certified mail a copy of the December 2, 2004 letter requesting signatures. The envelope letter was subsequently returned on June 3, 2005 as unclaimed. A copy of the May 12, 2005 e-mail and envelope postmarked May 13, 2005 are attached hereto as Exhibit G.
- 14. I hereby declare that after a diligent effort to obtain the all of the Inventors' signatures, the Inventors refuse to execute the declaration.
- 15. I hereby declare that I have first hand knowledge of the above pertinent facts.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6 day of February, 2006.

Diane Richardson

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF DALLAS

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Diane Richardson known to me to be the person of the above name whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed it for the purposes and consideration expressed therein.

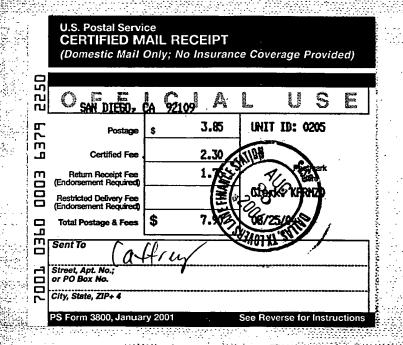
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August 24, 2004

Mr. Andrew Caffrey 3737 Promontory Street San Diego, CA 92109

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DALLAS, TEXAS 75206

(214) 365-1900

Mr. Andrew Caffrey Page 2

I will be following up in the very near future. If you have any questions before then, please feel free to contact me at 214.365.1905.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Goltz Vice President

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Ms. Christy Joiner-Congleton 9415 Oviedo Street San Diego, CA 92129

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EXHIBIT B

----Original Message----

From: Christy Joiner-Congleton [mailto:cjc@stics.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2004 4:07 PM

To: Goltz, Gary

Subject: patent stuff

Hi, Gary,

Just noticed that the patent stuff has a recommended return date of 9/15--oops! Looks like if it's the 14th now that I'm not going to get mine in on time. However, just means that I wasn't pay attention. Sorry.

## Christy

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Fax: 858-874-0312 Home: 858-538-5512 HomeFax:858-484-7253 Cell: 619-743-3665

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# Richardson, Diane

From:

Richardson, Diane

Sent:

Tuesday, October 04, 2005 10:43 AM

To:

'cjc@stics.com'

Subject:

Stone Patent Agreements

Attachments: CJC Assignment.DOC; Declaration.DOC

Hi Christie -

This is to remind you that we still need these patent agreements signed. Gail said that you were willing to help us once the source code issue got resolved, which I gather has been accomplished.

Please return the signed documents to me at:

Stone Holdings 8150 N. Central Expressway Suite 1901 Dallas, Texas 75206

Thank you - we appreciate your help!

Diane Richardson Assistant Vice President Stone Holdings, Inc. 214-365-1988 phone 214-365-6910 fax

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December 2, 2004

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Diane Richardson

Assistant Corporate Secretary

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EXHIBIT E

# Richardson, Diane

From:

Lehmann, Gail

Sent:

Tuesday, January 18, 2005 3:45 PM

To:

Richardson, Diane

Subject:

FW: Diane Richardson

This is what I sent her; let's see.....

-----Original Message-----

From:

Lehmann, Gail

Sent:

Tuesday, January 18, 2005 3:44 PM

To:

'cjc@stics.com'

Subject:

Diane Richardson

CJC - Diane says she has tried to repeatedly contact you regarding the patent assignment? She is working on cleaning this up - the assignment should have been done simultaneously with the filing by SAI attorneys back when they filed in December 2003 but apparently that didn't get done. Have you not gotten any communication? Can I facilitate this in someway? Or do you have an issue?

Let me hear.

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EXHIBIT F

## Richardson, Diane

From:

Christy Joiner-Congleton [cjc@stics.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, January 26, 2005 8:17 PM

To:

Richardson, Diane

Subject: RE: Stone Analytics Documents

HI Diane,

Thanks for e versions. Wish you, Terri, and I could go out and raise a glass! Could use one.

I am drowning in models to build and client issues to navigate and software issues that need fixing. There's no time to think. We have a next delivery at the end of the week that will bleed into next and a permit to file that trump everything including sleep right now. I travel to the client next week. When I get back I can deal with the e versions.

You know, you're the legal memory/doc guru, maybe you have something I should have. I don't have copies of whatever the docs were that I was made to sign last year. I think I had a hard copy of some of them at some point, but those were aparently shredded or vanished in the great melt down. There were two sets presented with the edict "sign or I'll get Harry to make you sign", but there was barely time to read them and no opportunity to get legal review before signing.

How's life? Pass on my hello to Terri and the other Diane, okay. Much to tell and much to hear too, I'm sure. I'll holler to you when I am next through Dallas and maybe we can do that drink, maybe grab Jay and the other Diane, too.

Tx, Christy

----Original Message----

From: Richardson, Diane [mailto:drichardson@stoneinvestments.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2005 12:00 PM

To: CJC@STICS.COM

**Subject:** Stone Analytics Documents

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Thanks, Diane

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Sent:

Thursday, May 12, 2005 6:25 PM

To:

Richardson, Diane

Subject:

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Hi Diane,

You're going to think I'm an idiot, but, can you send me the stuff in hardcopy that you wanted me to sign? I hate to say that I am completely messed up electronically.

I think the last thing that happened was that you sent me a version electronically and I was going to get it over to my guy to read and then sign. Well, it never got out of my in-basket....

Let's try again,
Tx,
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